Opening Weekend 2016

The Hellebore Hurrah! Hellebore Catalogue



Helleborus 'HGC Mme. Lemonnier' - We are proud to be one of the first nurseries in the world to offer this amazing new hybrid!

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All About Hellebores

Hellebores are an incredible group of perennials for gardeners from zone 4 to zone 9. They are winter and early spring-blooming evergreen plants that offer the first major burst of colour at the very start of the gardening season. The Christmas rose *Helleborus niger* could even be said to be a late bloomer instead of an early bloomer as new cultivars can begin blooming in November and December in mild winter climate regions. In colder regions they bloom as soon as the snow melts. They are followed by many new hybrids including the Frostkiss Series, the Helleborus Gold Collection, and treasures such as 'Rosemary'. Next come the Lenten roses, *Helleborus x hybridus*, which offer the widest range of colours, flower detailing, and flower forms.

There are hellebores that are better in shade. There are others that are better in sun. Some are great in containers. Others are best in the ground. There are plants with outward-facing flowers and plants with pendulous, nodding flowers. All hellebores are easy to grow, long-blooming, and most are long-lived, especially the Lenten roses which can last for decades and even a human lifetime. They bulk up over time getting bigger each year and putting on more and more impressive displays for months on end. Their evergreen foliage makes them useful plants year-round. In all hellebores are simply one of the most important and useful genera in the entire perennial world.

The Lenten Roses: Strains versus Cultivars

Traditionally every Helleborus x hybridus offered has been derived from seed strains since hellebores bulk up slowly and resent being divided. Seed strains are carefully bred lines that are maintained over time to ensure as much uniformity as possible in selected characteristics which include flower and foliage colour, flower size, flower set, degree of doubling, petal shape, petal spotting and picoteeing (having a darker edge), colour of the



nectaries, habit, vigour, and height. For instance, the Winter Jewels Onyx Odyssey strain is bred from carefully selected hand pollinated plants by Marietta O'Byrne to maintain slate, purple and near black flowers with a near 100% rate of double flowers on strong, vigorous plants. Less specific in nature, the Royal Heritage strain is quite varied with less meticulous breeding and offers a wide range of colours with flowers that are more outward (rather than downward) facing.

Different strains have been bred with different qualities of genetic material as starting points and differing levels of attention and skill from their breeders. Consequently, not all strains are created equal. The Winter Jewels Hellebores, for instance, are bred to extremely high standards while the Royal Heritage strain is bred to more average standards. Compare the groups of Winter Jewels flowers to the Royal Heritage plants at the Hellebore Hurrah! and you will quickly understand the difference. The Royal

Heritage plants are good quality and offer value for the money but the Winter Jewels plants are outstanding. You might describe the Royal Heritage strain as great entry level hellebores and the Winter Jewels as hellebores for the connoisseur or for someone who wants something really special.

Despite breeders' efforts, hellebores are complicated. They are hybrids of numerous wild species so their genetics, and hence their breeding, are difficult to understand. Consequently, and magically, no two hellebores derived from a seed strain are the same. When selecting from a strain



you should compare the plants and their flowers to find the individual(s) that you most love! They are all different and all have their own particular charms. However, do remember that if you purchase a plant that is not in flower it is impossible to know exactly what you will get!

More recently, diligent labs have discovered how to micropropagate or tissue culture hellebores. The resulting plants are all identical. The very best plants from the best breeders are now being selected for larger scale production. This means that special plants that never would have left the breeders' or their close friends' private gardens are now becoming available to the general public. Even if these cultivars are not in flower you will know exactly what the blooms will look like when your plant reaches maturity. Tissue cultured cultivars take away a bit of the magic of finding your very own gem but they will all be outstanding plants.

To differentiate between hellebores derived from these two different methods of propagation we use the correct botanical formatting when possible to differentiate between these two groups of hellebores. Seed strains are written without single quotes as in *Helleborus* Mrs. Betty Ranicar. Cultivars produced through tissue culture will have their names surrounded by single quotes as in *Helleborus* 'Tutu' denoting a true cultivar where all plants are uniformly the same. We have also tried to make very clear in the plant descriptions in this catalogue the method of propagation of each hellebore.

Singles, Doubles and Anemone Centres



Though superficially the single hellebore flower looks like a normal flower, it's actually a bit different. What we think of as the five hellebore petals -- the colourful white, pink, red, purple, nearblack, green or yellow structures that get us most excited about these plants -- are actually the sepals, which on most other plants are green and protect the petals. The petals of hellebores are actually very small green, yellow, burgundy or black structures that form a ring around the stamens. In this case they are called nectaries and are important for attracting pollinating insects. Note the ring of yellow-green nectaries in the image on the left.

It is fortuitous for us as gardeners that the colourful part of the hellebore flower is the sepal. If you think about flowers in general, the petals usually have a short lifespan while the sepals can last for months and sometimes are even present on the fruits, as with roses and rose hips. The long-lived sepals of hellebores are what gives us the months of colour that we so appreciate.

Double hellebore flowers occur when the nectaries become petaloid and take on the same colour as the sepals (unlike in most other double flowers where the stamens and pistils become petaloid and the plant becomes infertile). The form of the double



hellebore flower usually consists of the five sepals which cup a number of smaller, usually pointed and more numerous petals. Anemone centred flowers occur when the nectaries become partially petaloid, take on the colour of the sepals and surround the stamens like a ruffley ring of baby petals as in the picture at right.

Single petaled plants are the most common since this is the natural form of the hellebore flower. Doubles seem to be the second most common and anemone-centred flowers the most rare. Perhaps this is due to the greater interest in double flowers, though crosses of anemone-centred plants tend to produce a lower percentage of anemone-centred offspring than similar crosses with double flowered plants that produce double flowered offspring. Let's just say that to have a double flowered hellebore is rare and special. To have an anemone centred plant is even more uncommon. Look for them at the Hellebore Hurrah! There are some mixed in here and there.

The Stemmed Hybrids: New Directions in Breeding

In recent years an entirely new hybrid group has been developed from the caulescent or stemmed species *H. lividus*, *H. argutifolius*, *H. foetidus*, and the Christmas rose, *H. niger*. These intergeneric hybrids offer leathery leaves on which sit clusters of outward-facing flowers mostly in shades of white, cream, pink, and dusty rose. These hybrids are more tolerant of full sun and also do well in pots or the ground whereas the Lenten roses prefer part sun to shade and don't enjoy pots beyond a few years.

The first cultivar to make waves of this new hybrid group was lvory Prince but more recently the Helleborus Gold Collection has introduced many superlative cultivars that have captured the imaginations of gardeners and designers. Since then the Lenten roses have been crossed into the stemmed hybrid group producing outward-facing flowers that sit on top of incredibly mottled foliage in deep, bold colours once the exclusive domain of *Helleborus x hybridus*. These new hybrids from the Frostkiss Series are continuing a long tradition of innovation in hellebores that continues to greatly benefit the gardening world.

Investing in Hellebores

We have attempted to source a full range of hellebores from various price and quality levels. The more modest priced plants will make good garden specimens. The more costly plants will be those of the highest quality available from some of the best breeders in the world. These plants will exhibit great vigour, larger, perfectly formed flowers, and bold colours. However, owing to their lofty parentage, high and labour intensive standards of breeding, and the necessity of importing these hellebores from far away places, and the length of time -- often a number of years -- to bring hellebores into bloom, their prices are higher than the average perennial. Those are the seed strains. The new tissue cultured plants are similarly priced because, though they don't take three years to reach blooming size, they involve higher than average production costs to produce in the lab.



Though hellebores cost more than the average perennial they are a great investment for your garden. They provide colour for two to three months when you most need it, they are evergreen year-round and, since they are extremely long-lived, they will be with you for decades – you can even pass them on to the next generation in your will. Carol, pictured here, is sporting a corsage of a hellebore flower that has been in her family since she was a little girl! The plant was brought back from England by her mother in the 1960s.

Cultivation

Hellebores are easy to grow in most garden situations. They prefer evenly moist but well-drained soils but are tolerant of drier conditions once established. An annual top dressing of two to three inches of compost in winter or early spring is all hellebores need for fertilizer. Hellebores can be grown in full shade but will grow the fastest and have the most flowers in part shade to part sun. A situation with morning sun is ideal. Where the soils are rich and evenly moist hellebores can also be grown successfully in full sun. The stemmed hellebores such as *H. foetidus*, *H. argutifolius* and the hybrids x *nigercors*, x *ballardiae*, x *sternii*, and x *ericsmithii* prefer more sun and do best in a part to full sun situation. If not given enough light they can become floppy and will require staking.

At blooming time many gardeners will remove last year's leaves from the *H*. x *hybridus* types so as to see the flowers better. The plants do not require their leaves to be removed. It is an aesthetic choice. However, removal of the leaves might help to decrease the incidence of pests and fungus. Normally, I would not remove the leaves of young plants since the leaf is photosynthesizing even in spring and making the plant stronger. Once plants are established I will then begin removing the foliage each spring. Established plants won't even notice the loss of their leaves.

Pests: Hellebores are usually problem-free in the garden. The older flowers and new growth can sometimes attract green aphids. These should be washed off with a jet of water from the hose or sprayed with an environmentally friendly insecticide like insecticidal soap or a formulation containing pyrethrins. Aphids secrete a sweet honeydew and if left too long it can become a site for fungus such as botrytis. This can also be washed off or leaves can be removed. Aphids are also thought to be a vector for some viruses effecting hellebores. These viruses are not common but it's best to remove aphids when they occur. Slugs will sometimes visit hellebore flowers. Use an environmentally friendly bait such as Safer's Slug Bait during the flowering season.

The Breeders

From modest beginnings in the fields and forests of Europe the genus *Helleborus* has become one of the most beloved and useful of all garden plants, especially for late winter and early spring. These are the people who work so hard to bring us these jewels of the spring garden.

Heuger – Gold Collection & Spring Promise

The newest and most exciting story in hellebore breeding comes from Germany and the breeding program of Josef Heuger's *Helleborus* Gold Collection (HGC). From more subtle beginnings with two selections of *Helleborus niger*, 'Josef' and 'Jacob Lemper', Heuger has now introduced a plethora of

new *H*. x *sterni*, *H*. x *ericsmithii* and *H*. x *ballardiae* hybrids that will knock your socks off with their fantastic vigour, foliage and flower power. Most notable so far is 'HGC Pink Frost' which is an outstanding plant and sure to be a new standard in hellebores. Also to watch out for is Heuger's Spring Promise series all given women's names. These are tissue cultured clones of superior *H*. x *hybridus* plants.

Marietta O'Byrne – The Winter Jewels Series

Marietta O'Byrne's hellebores are among the best available in North America owing to her keen eye and "sixth sense that governs her choices of both seed and pollen parents." Marietta has spent over 20 years with the help of her husband Ernie pursuing her

passion for hellebores, meticulously selecting and hand-crossing only the best stock plants which she has gathered from around the world. These stock plants are continually replaced as she breeds improved forms resulting in constant improvement of her strains. She is widely respected as one of the best breeders in the world.





Chris Hansen – The Winter Thrillers Series

The Winter Thrillers Series is bred by Chris Hansen who has spent more than 15 years perfecting his strains, working to constantly improve flower colour and size, plant vigour and foliage quality. These plants are derived from strains so every plant will be different. The Winter Thrillers have large flowers, great colour and lots of interesting speckling.

Hans Hansen: The Honeymoon and Wedding Party Series

Hans is a multi-talented breeder of plants working with such disparate genera as *Agave, Hosta, Monarda, Baptisia*, and more plus hellebores. His new single-flowered Honeymoon strains and his double-flowered Wedding Party strains are sure to become classics in the hellebore world.

Terra Nova Nurseries

Terra Nova Nurseries is a cutting edge breeder of new plants based in Oregon. They are most famous for their work on Heuchera and Echinacea. Through their relationship with the O'Byrnes they are the exclusive distributor of her double strains. Their one other offering is an older cultivar that is still great: 'Honeyhill Joy' always sells out.

Gisela Schmiemann: The Lady Series



Gisela Schmeimann of Cologne, Germany was one of the first breeders to introduce single colour strains to the market. The Lady Series represents a great way to know the general colour of a given hellebore plant when not in flower. However, there is always variation in colour from plant to plant so to choose your favourites you need to see the plants in bloom. Still, these colour strains can be very useful for mass plantings and for landscaping outside of hellebore blooming season.







Charles Price: The Mardi Gras Series

Charles Price is a breeder from Seattle, Washington whose work predates that of most American breeders. He has used both open and controlled crosses to develop his strains, selecting out only the best colour and flower forms to become his Mardi Gras strains. These strains are just now being introduced to the wider gardening public.



Skagit Gardens HELLEBORUS Mardi Gras Series

They offer clear, reliable colour lines including white, yellow, clear pink, smoky purple, green, red, dark purple, slate black, and black. He also has produced a bicolor strain and a double strain.



R.D. Plants

Rodney Davey of Devon in England is the breeder of *Helleborus argutifolius* 'Silver Lace', a lovely silver blue version of the Corsican hellebore. But he is about to make real waves with his new introductions 'Penny's Pink' and 'Anna's Red' followed by 'Molly's White' and 'Pippa's Purple'. These combine the bold flower colour of the Lenten roses with the upright form and mottled foliage of the *ericsmithii* hybrids.

Winter containers will never be the same!

Plants from Other Breeders

We will also be offering plants from Elizabeth Strangman, Harveys Garden Plants, Ashwood Nurseries, and David Tristram of the UK, and Het Wilgenbroek of Belgium among others.

Plants from Mother Nature Including Selections from Her Species



It all started with Mother Nature. Without her there wouldn't be a hellebore. All of our garden hybrids came from complex crosses of many of different species. Also, we as humans have selected special forms of different species, especially from *H. foetidus*, *H. niger*, and *H. argutifolius*. These species and selections are a little quieter than the hybrids but they possess a unique elegance all their own.

Hellebore

<u>Perennials</u>

Helleborus 'Angel Glow'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Helleborus 'Angel Glow' has pink buds opening to frosty pink flowers that slowly deepen to green and deep pink tones. Foliage is a frosty bluish-green. If you like 'Pink Frost' here is a pink that is a little softer and a little more demure but with foliage that will make the lighter colour pop! Great in the garden or containers. Deer resistant.

Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus 'HGC Mme Lemonnier'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) Z We are proud to be among the first nurseries in North America to offer this incredible new hellebore. If you love 'Rosemary' you will love 'Mme Lemonnier'. This rare cross between *H. x hybridus* and *H. niger* occurred by chance in a garden in France. The result is an exquisite plant with large, outward-facing, rich, glowing pink flowers with pale pink to white veining and subtle dark pink spotting. The flower colour is bolder and deeper than 'Rosemary'. This exceptional cultivar begins to bloom in Lenuary and continues well into arrive with tene of Pink H8-12" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Zone 6-9



Full - Part Shade

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Full - Part Shade

Helleborus Frostkiss Frostkiss 'Anna's Red'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

This breakthrough hellebore brings the bold red colour of the nodding *H. x hybridus* into the stemmed group of hybrids previously limited to white, green and pink. 'Anna's Red' has deep red, outward-facing flowers held on top of leathery, boldly-mottled foliage that emerges first flushed with red then fading to pink and mint green. Bound to be an instant classic. Begins blooming in January. Sister plants from the Frostkiss Series include 'Pippa's Purple', 'Penny's Pink' and 'Molly's White'. Great in the garden or Red H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Helleborus Frostkiss Frostkiss 'Molly's White'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) Z 'Molly's White' is another of the breakthrough hellebores from the Frostkiss Series which includes 'Penny's Pink', 'Anna's Red' and 'Pippa's Purple'. This cultivar offers tons of creamy, outward-facing, white flowers developing greenish highlights over incredibly mottled and veined foliage that is at first silver flushed with pink maturing to mint green on a dark green background. Begins blooming in January. Great in the garden or containers. Deer resistant. White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

White/Cr H 12-24 W 12-24 Fail - Winter

Helleborus Frostkiss Frostkiss 'Penny's Pink'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Pink buds open in early January to deep pink, outward-facing flowers that slowly deepen to green and deep pink tones. The foliage is a bluish-green and emerges variegated with pink-flushed veins that slowly lighten to silver-green. A pink hellebore that gives 'Pink Frost' a run for its money! The Frostkiss series also includes 'Anna's Red', 'Molly's White' and 'Pippa's Purple'. Great in the garden or containers. Deer resistant.

Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Zone 6-9

Full - Part Shade

<u>Hellebore</u>



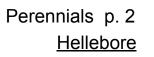
Full - Part Shade

Hellebore



Full - Part Shade







Helleborus Frostkiss Frostkiss 'Pippa's Purple'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Another breakthrough from the Frostkiss Series, *Helleborus* 'Pippa's Purple' offers masses of purplish-pink, outward-facing flowers atop magnificent foliage that is mottled and veined with pink and silver later maturing to mint green on a dark green background. Sister plants include 'Anna's Red', 'Penny's Pink' and 'Molly's White'. Begins blooming in January. Great in the garden or containers. Deer resistant.

Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Helleborus argutifolius 'Snow Fever'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Helleborus 'Snow Fever' has deep green foliage flecked with pink and white later fading to green with mint green markings. The pinkish buds open to green outward-facing flowers. The foliage is tough with spiny edges and makes a good evergreen presence in the garden and containers. Deer resistant.

Green H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus foetidus

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

This species from western, central and southern Europe has creamy green flowers with burgundy edges that bloom in late winter. The textural, leathery, deeply cut foliage is evergreen providing excellent foliage 12 months of the year. Pay no attention to its common name. It never smells unless you mince up its foliage and what gardener would want to put it in the Cuisinart! Plant in full to part sun. Deer resistant.

Green H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Zone 6-9



Full - Part Shade Corsican Hellebore



Full - Part Sun

Stinking Hellebore



Full - Part Sun

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Helleborus foetidus Wester Flisk Strain

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

A special selection with attractive reddish-green stems, bluish green leaves and red flower stalks. Finely dissected finger-like evergreen foliage. Strikingly beautiful in the winter cold and in spring when the chartreuse to light green, red-tinged, nodding flowers open. Deer resistant.

Late Winter - Early H 12-24" W 12-24" Green

Helleborus lividus Pink Marble

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Pink Marble is a strain of the uncommon *H. lividus*, whose wild populations are limited to the island of Majorca in the Mediterranean. Less hardy than other species, it can be grown in a protected spot with overhead protection from buildings or larger plants. The gorgeous glossy green leaves are highlighted with creamy silver veins and held by pinkish purple leaf stalks. Long purplish green stems hold bowlshaped creamy green flowers with a mauve-pink blush. Deer resistant.

H 12-24" W 12-24" Early Spring Green

Helleborus niger 'HGC Jacob'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) Slightly fragrant, single, pure white blooms in profusion make this the best cultivar for Christmas decorating. Flowers turn light green and pink with age. Dark green leaves with serrated edges have burgundy stems. Blooms over a long period from mid December until April with multiple waves of flowers. The Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. This selection is a big improvement on the normal H. niger. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 8-12" W 8-12" Fall - Winter Zone 4-9

Part Shade Christmas Rose





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Full - Part Shade



Helleborus niger 'HGC Jesko'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Jesko' has large flowers with overlapping petals forming a lovely cupped shape. The flowers are produced in great numbers from late November or early December making it perfect for Christmas decoration inside the house and in the garden. Rich, dark green foliage and a compact habit. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and

Helleborus niger 'HGC Jonas'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Jonas' offers tons of flowers each of which has extra petals - 6-7 as opposed to the usual 5. The flowers have a fuller look. It begins to flower in mid to late November or into December making it perfect for Christmas decoration inside the house and in the garden. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Helleborus niger 'HGC Josef Lemper'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Slightly cupped, huge, pure white, outward-facing flowers turn to light green. Strong stems and dark green foliage. The largest of the HGC nigers and the toughest for the landscape with loads of garden presence. Blooms over a long period from mid December until April with multiple waves of flowers. The Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. This selection is a big improvement on the normal *H. niger*. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Zone 4-9



Full - Part Shade

Hellebore

Zone 4-9



Full - Part Shade Christmas Rose

Zone 4-9



Full - Part Shade

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Helleborus niger 'HGC Snow Frills'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Snow Frills' is a beautiful double Christmas rose with wonderful, ruffled, snow white petals and flowers produced in great profusion like a snowstorm of big fat snowflakes. Blooms later than other HGC cultivars over a long period from January to April with multiple waves of flowers. The Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. This selection of *H. niger* is a big improvement on previous forms. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 8-12" W 8-12" Fall - Winter

Helleborus niger 'HGC Unico'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Unico' is a rare and beautiful thing for foliage lovers. It is the first variegated Christmas Rose with dramatically splotched and mottled leaves in tones of white, cream, and yellow. The pure white blooms are produced in great numbers from early December making it perfect for Christmas decoration inside the house and in the garden. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Helleborus x ballardiae 'HGC Camelot'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The days of 'Camelot' are not over. Pink buds open in January to reveal creamy pink flowers that darken with age. Handsome, rich green foliage on red stems. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Zone 4-9



Full - Part Shade Christmas Rose



Full - Part Shade

<u>Hellebore</u>



Zone 5-9

Full - Part Shade

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Helleborus x ballardiae 'HGC Cinnamon Snow'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Large, cinnamon pink buds open to creamy white white flowers suffused with rose and cinnamon. The back of the petals are also touched with cinnamon. Sturdy, dark green foliage is complimented with burgundy stems. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Helleborus x ballardiae 'HGC Love Bug'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Love Bug' has pink buds followed by small pink flowers maturing to deep pink all starting in early February. The darkest pink tones develop in colder temperatures. Handsome, bluish green foliage on red stems. The leaves and flowers are smaller than 'Pink Frost' offering a more dwarf pink hellebore. Great in containers! The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outwardfacing budg and blooming. Deer register Pink H8-12" W8-12" Fall - Winter

Helleborus x ballardiae 'HGC Maestro'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Maestro' starts blooming in January with pink buds opening to white flowers with dusty rose reverses. Flowers then age to a lovely pink. Compact plants, deep green leaves with lighter veins and red stems. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Zone 5-9



Full - Part Shade

Hellebore



Full - Part Shade

Hellebore



Full - Part Shade

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Helleborus x ballardiae 'HGC Mahogany Snow'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Mahogany Snow' offers mounds of big flowers with pink buds opening to white with pink reverses and then aging to mahogany pink. Compact plants, deep green leaves and reddish stems. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Helleborus x ballardiae 'HGC Merlin'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Merlin' is a magical hellebore with pink buds opening in early February to pink flowers that age to an incredible raspberry purple. Pinks will be deeper in cooler temperatures. The outward facing flowers sit atop mounds of dark green foliage and are held on dark reddish stems. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outwardfacing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

W 12-24" Pink H 8-12" Fall - Winter

Helleborus x ballardiae 'HGC Pink Frost'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Pink Frost' is one of the best pink hellebores with pink buds opening in February to reveal pink flowers that mature to deep pink. The darkest pink tones develop in colder temperatures. Handsome, silvery green foliage on red stems. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter Pink

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Full - Part Shade

Hellebore

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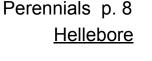






Full - Part Shade

Hellebore





Helleborus x ballardiae 'HGC Platinum Rose'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Platinum Rose' has bright rose buds opening to creamy flowers that age to dark rose. This gorgeous floral display is held on red stems above fantastic, large blue-grey leaves. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outwardfacing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

Pink H 8-12" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Helleborus x ericsmithii 'HGC Champion' Winter's Bliss

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Pink buds open to large, creamy white almost yellowish flowers with a dark pink reverse. Rich, attractive, dark green, shimmery foliage. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brinas magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 8-12" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x ericsmithii 'HGC Marlon'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Marlon' has bright white flowers opening in January and developing a pink tinge with age, held by purple stems above dark green foliage with lighter green veins. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

W 12-24" Late Winter - Early White/Cr H 8-12"

Zone 5-9

Zone 4-9

Zone 4-9

Full - Part Shade

Hellebore



Full - Part Shade

Hellebore





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Full - Part Shade

Helleborus x ericsmithii 'HGC Monte Cristo'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Monte Cristo' is a stunner with mounds of blue-grey leaves above which are held creamy white and vellowish flowers with peachy pink reverses on red stems. Flowers age to green and glowing pink. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

W 12-24" Late Winter - Early Yellow H 8-12"

Helleborus x ericsmithii 'HGC Shooting Star'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Shooting Star' produces incredible mounds of smaller creamy white flowers with pink reverses starting in mid January. As the flowers age pink and green develops in the face of the flower. Red stems and rich green foliage complete the show. Blooms over a long period from February to April with multiple waves of flowers. The Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Deer resistant. White/Cr H 8-12" W 8-12" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x ericsmithii 'HGC Snow Dance'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Red stems hold up large creamy white flowers with pink reverses. Flowers age to rosy cinnamon. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 8-12" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early Zone 4-9





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Full - Part Shade

Christmas Rose

Full - Part Shade



Zone 5-9

Helleborus x ericsmithii 'Pirouette'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Pink buds open to creamy white flowers suffused with pink (front and back) that darken with age to a rich pink. Flower stems are arching and floriferous making this an interesting plant for containers. Deer resistant.

Pink H 8-12" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x ericsmithii 'Winter Moonbeam'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Helleborus 'Winter Moonbeam' has some of the most spectacular foliage within the genus -- blue-green leaves boldly adorned with dramatic, criss-crossing, silver veins combined with bright red petioles where the leaflets join. The clumps sport outfacing white flowers in spring which age to pink and then near red with stamens that look like big, reflexed eye lashes. A cross between H. lividus and H. niger from the UK's Harveys Garden Plants. Easier to grow than either of its parents. This hybrid group can be nlantad in mara own than tuniaal hallaharaa Door W 8-12" White/Cr H 8-12" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x ericsmithii 'Winter Sunshine'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Winter Sunshine' forms evergreen clumps a foot tall by one and a half feet wide of dark pewter green foliage topped by outward facing white flowers blushed with pink on the backs. A 2007 introduction from England's Harveys Garden Plants bred from a cross between H. niger x H. x sternii. This hybrid group can be planted in more sun than typical hellebores. Deer resistant.

W 12-24" Late Winter - Early White/Cr H 8-12"

Zone 4-9

Hellebore

Full - Part Shade

Hellebore

Full - Part Shade











Zone 4-9

Helleborus x ericsmithii Vancouver Medallion 'Candy Love'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

This beautiful hellebore has attractive evergreen foliage and flowers opening creamy white, darkening through yellow-green with a pink blush and then to rich chocolate. Squint your eyes and Vancouver Medallion looks like gold, silver and bronze medals! Originally given the name 'Candy Love' by Belgian breeder Het Wilgenbroek, this cultivar was rechristened by the Garden Club of Vancouver and Valleybrook Gardens with the name Vancouver Medallion in honour of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

White/Cr H 8-12" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus 'SP Emma'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Emma' has single, pure white flowers generously speckled with nicely-spaced red spots. The Spring Promise series comes from the breeders of the Helleborus Gold Collection. This series is characterized by unique flowers with intense colour. All plants are tissue cultured so you know exactly what you'll get. Big, beautiful, rich flowers on strong plants. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus 'SP Sally'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Sally' has single soft buttery yellow flowers shaded with green and centred with yellow stamens. The Spring Promise series comes from the breeders of the Helleborus Gold Collection. The series is characterized by unique flowers with intense colour. All plants are tissue cultured so you know exactly what you'll get. Big, beautiful, rich flowers on strong plants. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Yellow H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Zone 4-9



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



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Zone 5

Helleborus x hybridus 'Tutu'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

For those who covet this rarest of hellebore flower forms - the anemone centre or semi double - wait no longer! 'Tutu' has pink petals flushed with green and speckled with dark pink spots. The nectaries that surround the stamens have become petaloid in 'Tutu' and form an intriguing pink and green ruffle at the centre of the flower. The first anemone centred hellebore we have seen available produced from tissue culture -- all plants are identical clones and all will look like the picture. Deer resistant.

H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early Pink

Helleborus x hybridus LS Yellow Lady

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Yellow Lady strain is characterized by creams and pale yellows. The Lady Series is a good entry level series of separate colour strains that are wellpriced for your first foray into hellebores or especially cost effective for mass planting in the landscape. This series offers good colour depth, large flowers, and vigorous plants. The Lady Series comes from Gisela Schmiemann of Cologne, Germany, Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Yellow H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus MG Apricot Shades/Peach Blush

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Warm yellows, apricots, peaches, and pinks - like the perfect sunset - are offered by the Mardi Gras Apricot Shades. The reverses are often darker pink or striped with darker pink. The Mardi Gras Series is bred by Charles Price of Seattle whose work predates that of most American breeders. The colours are bold, the flowers are large and wellformed and the plants are strong and vigorous. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

H 18-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early Pink



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose

Zone 5



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade

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Helleborus x hybridus MG Doubles

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Mardi Gras Doubles represent the best entry level double strain that we've seen with great form and colour. The Mardi Gras Series is bred by Charles Price of Seattle whose work predates that of most American breeders. His double strain is a mix of whites, pinks and deep pinks on strong vigorous plants. This is a great way to get into double hellebores for the first time. A high percentage of plants will bloom double but some will bloom single. Deer resistant.

W 12-24" Late Winter - Early Various H 18-24"

Helleborus x hybridus MG Plum Shades/Purple Mystique

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Mardi Gras Plum Shades offer rich warm purples. The Mardi Gras Series is bred by Charles Price of Seattle whose work predates that of most American breeders. The colours are bold, the flowers are large and well-formed and the plants are strong and vigorous. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

H 18-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early Purple

Helleborus x hybridus MG Red Shades/Baton Rouge

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Mardi Gras Red Shades offer flowers in rich colours of near-red. The Mardi Gras Series is bred by Charles Price of Seattle whose work predates that of most American breeders. The colours are bold, the flowers are large and well-formed and the plants are strong and vigorous. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Red	H 18-24"	W 12-24"	Late Winter - Early	Full - Part Sha
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Zone 5

Zone 5

Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Lenten Rose





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Helleborus x hybridus MG Slate Shades/Blue Bayou

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Mardi Gras Slate Shades offer cool, slatey, blue purples with a quality all their own. Every garden should have a slate-coloured hellebore. The Mardi Gras Series is bred by Charles Price of Seattle whose work predates that of most American breeders. The colours are bold, the flowers are large and well-formed and the plants are strong and vigorous. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Blue H 18-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus MG Yellow Shades/Klondike Gold

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Mardi Gras Yellow Shades offer bright creams to butter yellows often with red spotting or red flares at the base of each petal. The Mardi Gras Series is bred by Charles Price of Seattle whose work predates that of most American breeders. The colours are bold, the flowers are large and wellformed and the plants are strong and vigorous. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Yellow H 18-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Honeymoon Honeymoon French Kiss

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Honeymoon Series of hellebores offers single flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'French Kiss' has white flowers with beautiful detailing in the form of raspberry pink veins and picotee edges with a deep raspberry red central star. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Early Spring

Zone 5



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose







Full - Part Shade

Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose

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Zone 5

Helleborus x hybridus Honeymoon Honeymoon Paris in Pink

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Honeymoon Series of hellebores offers single flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'Paris in Pink' produces pink flowers with a white shimmer as if white light is shining through the tepals.

Purple H 12-24" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Honeymoon Honeymoon Rio Carnival

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Honeymoon Series of hellebores offers single flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'Rio Carnival' has light yellow flowers with dramatic heavy burgundy-red speckling.

Burgund H 12-24" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Honeymoon Honeymoon Rome in Red

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Honeymoon Series of hellebores offers single flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'Rome in Red' has burgundy-red flowers frequently with a lush, velvety texture.

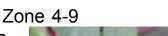
Red H 12-24" W 12-24" Early Spring

Zone 4-9

Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose

Full - Part Shade





Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose

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Zone 4-9

Helleborus x hybridus Honeymoon Honeymoon Sandy Shores

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Honeymoon Series of hellebores offers single flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'Sandy Shores' has pale apricot flowers with dark purple central flares and rosy pink reverses.

W 12-24" Yellow H 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Honeymoon Honeymoon Spanish Flare

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Honeymoon Series of hellebores offers single flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'Spanish Flare' has light vellow flowers with maroon-red flares around the centre.

H 12-24" W 12-24" Early Spring Yellow

Helleborus x hybridus Lady Series LS Blue Lady

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Blue Lady strain is characterized by rich, lusty, blue-purples. The Lady Series is a good entry level series of separate colour strains that are well-priced for your first foray into hellebores or especially cost effective for mass planting in the landscape. This series offers good colour depth, large flowers, and vigorous plants. The Lady Series comes from Gisela Schmiemann of Cologne, Germany. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early Purple

Zone 4-9

Full - Part Shade





Lenten Rose Zone 4-9

Full - Part Shade

Zone 4-9

Helleborus x hybridus Lady Series LS Blue Metallic Lady

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Metallic Blue Lady strain is characterized by cool, lustrous, slate blues and purples. The Lady Series is a good entry level series of separate colour strains that are well-priced for your first foray into hellebores or especially cost effective for mass planting in the landscape. This series offers good colour depth, large flowers, and vigorous plants. The Lady Series comes from Gisela Schmiemann of Cologne, Germany. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Purple H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

<u>Helleborus x hybridus Mardi Gras MG Bicolor</u>

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Mardi Gras Bicolor strain offers a spectacular range of multicoloured flowers in shades of pink and white. The flowers are often flared with stars of red and wine red around the yellow stamens. Darker veining and streaks are also common. The Mardi Gras Series is bred by Charles Price of Seattle whose work predates that of most American breeders. The colours are bold, the flowers are large and well-formed and the plants are vigorous. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Pink H 18-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Spring Promise 'SP Bridget'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Bridget' is a delicate beauty with flowers in shades of white, cream and apple blossom pink. Like a little girl in her pink party dress. The Spring Promise series comes from the breeders of the Helleborus Gold Collection. This series is characterized by unique flowers with intense colour. All plants are tissue cultured so you know exactly what you'll get. Big, beautiful, rich flowers on strong plants. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Zone 5

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Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose

Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Zone 5



Full - Part Shade

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Helleborus x hybridus Spring Promise 'SP Conny'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Conny' has pure white flowers covered in hundreds of well-spaced burgundy-red spots. The Spring Promise series comes from the breeders of the Gold Collection. The Helleborus series is characterized by unique flowers with intense colour. All plants are tissue cultured so you know exactly what you'll get. Big, beautiful, rich flowers on strong plants. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Spring Promise 'SP Elly'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Elly' has rich purple-pink double flowers with deeper reddish spotting covering the petals. The Spring Promise series comes from the breeders of the Helleborus Gold Collection. The series is characterized by unique flowers with intense colour. All plants are tissue cultured so you know exactly what you'll get. Big, beautiful, rich flowers on strong plants. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

W 12-24" Pink Late Winter - Early H 12-24"

Helleborus x hybridus Spring Promise 'SP Rachel'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Rachel' has lustrous burgundy-red flowers speckled with deeper burgundy spots throughout the tepals. The Spring Promise series comes from the breeders of the Helleborus Gold Collection. The series is characterized by unique flowers with intense colour. All plants are tissue cultured so you know exactly what you'll get. Big, beautiful, rich flowers on strong plants. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

W 12-24" Red H 12-24" Late Winter - Early Perennials p. 19 Lenten Rose

Full - Part Shade



Lenten Rose



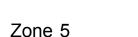
Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade

Zone 5





Zone 5

Helleborus x hybridus Spring Series Spring 'Bright'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Helleborus Spring 'Bright' has pure white tepals with dark nectaries and a green flush at the centre all surrounded by an exquisite pencil-thin purple picotee edge. All plants are tissue cultured so will look just like the photo. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Spring Series Spring 'Darling'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) Helleborus Spring 'Darling' has cups of overlapping petals of rose-pink with faint white veins and a green central flare. All plants are tissue cultured so will look just like the photo. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of

Pink W 12-24" Late Winter - Early H 12-24"

Helleborus x hybridus Spring Series Spring 'Diamond'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

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Helleborus Spring 'Diamond' has double flowers of pure white to pale pink highlighted with green and edged in pink. All plants are tissue cultured so will look just like the photo. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early Zone 5-9

Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose





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Zone 5-9



Helleborus x hybridus Spring Series Spring 'Love'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Helleborus Spring 'Love' has warm, red-purple, double flowers embossed with yellow stamens. All plants are tissue cultured so will look just like the photo. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Purple H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Spring Series Spring 'Morning'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Helleborus Spring 'Morning' has intriguing green flowers with a burgundy flush on the front of the tepals and burgundy markings on the reverse. All plants are tissue cultured so will look just like the photo. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Green H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Spring Series Spring 'Princess'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) Zone 5-9 *Helleborus* Spring 'Princess' is an impressive double flower with mid pink tepals heavily spotted with burgundy-red. All plants are tissue cultured so will look just like the photo. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Zone 5-9

Zone 5-9



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade

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Helleborus x hybridus Wedding Party WP 'Blushing Bridesmaid'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Wedding Party Series of hellebores offers double flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'Blushing Bridesmaid' has white double flowers with raspberry pink veining and a picotee edge.

White/Cr H 18-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Wedding Party WP 'Confetti Cake'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) The Wedding Party Series of hellebores offers double flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'Confetti Cake' has white double flowers with burgundy speckling concentrated toward the centre of the petals.

White/Cr H 18-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Wedding Party WP 'Maid of Honor'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Wedding Party Series of hellebores offers double flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'Maid of Honor' has dark to light pink flowers.

Late Winter - Early Pink H 18-24" W 12-24"

Zone 5

Full - Part Shade

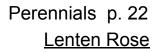


Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose







Zone 5-9

Helleborus x hybridus Wedding Party WP 'Wedding Bells'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Wedding Party Series of hellebores offers double flower strains in a wide range of colours with beautiful detailing and symmetrical flower shapes on vigorous, floriferous plants. 'Wedding Bells' has clear white flowers.

White/Cr H 18-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Amber Gem

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The double blooms of Winter Jewels Amber Gem strain are yellow infused and blushed with pinks and reds like a ripe apricot -- perhaps the rarest of colours in hellebores. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

W 12-24" Late Winter - Early Yellow H 8-12"

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Amethyst Gem

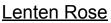
Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

This exciting strain has warm purple, double flowers in which each petal is edged with an amethyst picotee. A spectactular and unique addition to hellebores. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Zone 5



Full - Part Shade





Zone 3-9



Full - Part Shade

Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose

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Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Apricot Blush

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Winter Jewels Apricot Blush is a single strain offering fantastic shades of apricot, light pink, dark pink, and yellow often all in the same flower and sometimes adorned with burgundy-red spots or central stars. Marietta O'Byrne selects for many characters in her breeding work but always important for her is the colour and detailing of the back of each tepal - after all, you'll see this side of the flower more than the nodding face. Each plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Black H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Berry Swirl

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Winter Jewels Berry Swirl Strain offers delicious warm purples and purple red double flowers with a creamy-white central kiss. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Purple H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Black Diamond

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) Zone 3-9 Once you've had black... The deep, dark, delectable Black Diamond hellebore strain from Marietta O'Byrne's Winter Jewels offers single flowers in warm, deep purples, cool, purple-slates, and rich purple-burgundies. Oh my! As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Black H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring



Full - Part Shade

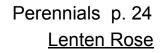
Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade Lenten Rose



Zone 3-9



Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Cherry Blossom

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Winter Jewels Cherry Blossom has pale pink tepals picoteed with darker pink and, if you're lucky, a ruffled, anemone centre (some will be single or double). This strain has been bred by Marietta O'Byrne for this semi-double central ruff which is even rarer than a double hellebore. Count yourself lucky when you do get an anemone centre but if you are dreaming about finding one this strain will give you the best shot! The backs of the tepals are usually beautifully detailed as well. Deer resistant. Pink H8-12" W12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Cotton Candy

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) Z The delicate double flowers of Cotton Candy are shaded with soft light pinks like a little girl's dress. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Pink H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Golden Lotus

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) Z Golden Lotus emanates a golden glow from these charming lotus-like flowers. Double yellows are amongst the rarest of hellebores. Some plants in this strain may also sport a flush or picotee of apricot pink and rich burgundy foliage. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Yellow H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Zone 3-9



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose

Zone 3-9



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



<u>Lenten Rose</u>

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Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Golden Sunrise

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Yellow has been one of the most challenging colours to breed into hellebores. One of the world's top hybridizers, Marietta O'Byrne has created this wonderful group of single yellows called Golden Sunrise. These buttery yellows often have red spotting, red picotee edges or a red central star and the occasional apricot flush! As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Yellow H 12-24" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Harlequin Gem

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Harlequin Gem offers double-flowered hellebores with a complex mix of colours but always with the inside colour contrasting with the outside. The inside can be streaked with red, green, or yellow, the outside is black, purple or purple-red. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Yellow H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Jade Star

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

From Marietta O'Byrne's Winter Jewels comes the Jade Star strain for hellebore enthusiasts who already have everything - you've got the whites, the pinks, the near blacks, the singles, the doubles - now you need Jade Star. This utterly intriguing strain offers every possible variation of green flower with red veins and a red picotee edge. The backs of the tepals are usually beautifully detailed. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Green H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring





Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



<u>Lenten Rose</u>

Zone 3-9



Full - Part Shade

Full - Part Shade

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Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Jade Tiger

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Jade Tiger is for the sophisticated gardener looking for something subtle yet enchanting. The strain offers double flowers in green with varying degrees of purple markings, streaks and picotees. Slower growing than the other strains. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring Green

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Onyx Odyssey

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family) Once you've had black you'll never go back. The seductive Onyx Odyssey strain offers double slate, purple and black flowers whose colour will remain for months, even into summer. Plant Onyx Odyssey with lighter coloured hellebores to help show off the dark tepals. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year วกกั่ย

W 12-24" Early Spring Black H 8-12"

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Painted

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Marietta O'Byrne's Painted Strain has white, cream or pale yellow tepals heavily spotted with red or purple. This is a great hellebore strain for gardeners who love deep, bold colour but who don't want to lose that colour against the dark, bare spring soil the tepals come with a nice white or cream to show off the bold colours. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

White/Cr H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Zone 3-9

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Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose





Full - Part Shade



Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Peppermint Ice

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

These large, double, pink picotees are luscious! The flowers of Peppermint Ice are a fluffy, light pink streaked and picoteed with darker pink. Dark pink on the back of the tepals adds to the appeal. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Pink H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Red Sapphire

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The luscious Red Sapphire strain has rich, velvety, rose-red, double flowers. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Red H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Rose Quartz

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The exciting Rose Quartz strain has pure white or cream, double flowers in which each petal is edged with a pink picotee. A spectactular and unique addition to hellebores. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

White/Cr H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Zone 3-9



Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade

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Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Ruby Wine

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Marietta O'Byrne's Winter Jewels Ruby Wine offers perfectly formed single flowers in rich, velvety shades of red and luscious burgundy. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. As with all strains the exact colour and flower shape will vary. Every plant is unique. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Red H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ Sparkling Diamond

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The pure white double flowers sparkle in the spring garden. Th gorgeous Sparkling Diamond strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. Beautiful in their own right, white and light coloured hellebores are perfect companions to help show off the deep purple, red and black flowered plants against the dark spring soil. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005. White/Cr H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Jewels WJ White Pearl

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The pure white single flowers of White Pearl sparkle in the spring garden. Some plants may have a red central flare or light red speckling. This gorgeous hellebore strain comes from the Winter Jewels Series bred by Marietta O'Byrne, one of the best hellebore breeders in the world. Beautiful in their own right, white and light coloured hellebores are perfect companions to help show off the deep purple, red and black flowered plants against the dark spring soil. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year

White/Cr H 8-12" W 12-24" Early Spring

Zone 3-9



Full - Part Shade



Zone 3-9

Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



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Full - Part Shade

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Thrillers WT Ballerina Ruffles

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The strain produces very large 31/2", rich pink double flowers. The Winter Thrillers Series is bred by Chris Hansen who has spent more 20 years perfecting his strains. Exact flower colour will vary between plants as this is a seed strain. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Red H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Thrillers WT Ice Follies

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

This vigorous strain produces an abundance of very large 31/2", single cream flowers splashed with burgundy. Bright green nectaries contrast vividly in the centre of each purple flower. Mature plants can have over 50 flowers at once held up on strong stems above the foliage! The Winter Thrillers Series is bred by Chris Hansen who has spent more 20 years perfecting his strains. Exact flower colour will vary between plants as this is a seed strain. Deer resistant, Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Thrillers WT Mango Magic

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

This vigorous strain produces an abundance of very large 3¹/₂", single creamy orange-apricot flowers with red flecks and edges. Mature plants can have over 50 flowers at once held up on strong stems above the foliage! The Winter Thrillers Series is bred by Chris Hansen who has spent more 20 years perfecting his strains. Exact flower colour will vary between plants as this is a seed strain. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Zone 4-8

Full - Part Shade Lenten Rose





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Zone 5

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Thrillers WT Midnight Ruffles

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Zone 5 This vigorous strain produces an abundance of very large 31/2", double black flowers. Bright yellow nectaries contrast vividly in the centre of each purple flower. Mature plants can have over 50 flowers at once held up on strong stems above the foliage! The Winter Thrillers Series is bred by Chris Hansen who has spent more 20 years perfecting his strains. Exact flower colour will vary between plants as this is a seed strain. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005. Black H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Thrillers WT Peppermint Ruffles

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

This vigorous strain produces an abundance of very large 3¹/₂", double white flowers with deep magenta tones toward the tips and the edges of the petals. Bright yelow nectaries contrast vividly in the centre of each flower. Mature plants can have over 50 flowers at once held up on strong stems above the foliage! The Winter Thrillers Series is bred by Chris Hansen who has spent more than 15 years perfecting his strains working to constantly improve flower colour and size, plant vigour and foliage quality. Deer White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Thrillers WT Pink Fizz

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

This vigorous strain produces an abundance of very large 31/2", single bright white flowers with bold fuchsia speckles and veining all along the petals. Mature plants can have over 50 flowers at once held up on strong stems above the foliage! The Winter Thrillers Series is bred by Chris Hansen who has spent more 20 years perfecting his strains. Exact flower colour will vary between plants as this is a seed strain. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Zone 4-8

Zone 4-9



Lenten Rose

Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose

Full - Part Shade



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Full - Part Shade



Helleborus x hybridus Winter Thrillers WT Pink Parachutes

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The huge 3³/₄" flowers of this strain are bright pink with a fine spray of tiny dark pink to wine coloured spots on all of the petals. Most flowers have soft blush pink backs, but others have nicely contrasting white backs, lending a two-tone look to the blooms. The Winter Thrillers Series is bred by Chris Hansen who has spent more 20 years perfecting his strains. Exact flower colour will vary between plants as this is a seed strain. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x hybridus Winter Thrillers WT Red Racer

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

The Red Racer strain produces very large 3¹/₂", dramatic, velvety, deep red to burgundy red flowers over burgundy-flushed foliage. The perfectly rounded flowers are held atop strong stems, with mature plants producing an incredible 75 or more blooms per plant. The Winter Thrillers Series is bred by Chris Hansen who has spent more 20 years perfecting his strains. Exact flower colour will vary between plants as this is a seed strain. Deer resistant. Perennial Plant of the Year 2005.

Red H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x nigercors 'HGC Ice Breaker Corsica'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

White flowers aging to green above lovely blue-grey foliage. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade

<u>Hellebore</u>



Full - Part Shade

Zone 5-9



Zone 5

Helleborus x nigercors 'HGC Ice Breaker Fancy'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Ice Breaker Fancy' has large, creamy white flowers that mature to fresh green often with a flush of pink on the edge and reverse of each petal. Lights up the garden on a grey, rainy day. Great in the landscape. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Helleborus x nigercors 'HGC Ice Breaker Max' Winter's Glow'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Large, creamy white blooms with a green blush and dainty, reflexed stamens that look like eye lashes. Handsome, large, shiny green leaves. Great in the landscape. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 8-12" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x nigercors 'HGC Ice Breaker Pico'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Ice Breaker Pico' is a heavy-blooming cultivar with white flowers blushed with pink on the reverses and aging to green with a pink picotee. Blue-grey compact foliage. Great in the landscape, it begins blooming in January. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outwardfacing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 8-12" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Zone 5-9



Full - Part Shade

<u>Hellebore</u>



Full - Part Shade

Hellebore

Zone 5-9



Full - Part Shade

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Helleborus x nigercors 'HGC Ice Breaker Prelude'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Ice Breaker Prelude' has white flowers that emerge in early January with a green flush down the centre of each sepal giving the appearance of a green star. The flowers age to a glowing green sometimes with a hint of pink. Blue-grey compact foliage. Great in the landscape. The outstanding Helleborus Gold Collection brings magical, new life to winter and early spring blooming hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of outward-facing buds and blossom. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Fall - Winter

Helleborus x nigercors 'Honeyhill Joy'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Honeyhill Joy' is an exceptionally vigorous and reliable cross between Helleborus niger and H. argutifolius has masses of large out facing creamcentered, white blooms with a green tinge as they age. The evergreen foliage is lush, blue-green and shiny. Tissue cultured so every plant is identical. As with all stemmed hellebores plant in more sun than the hybridus types. Deer resistant.

W 12-24" White/Cr H 8-12" Early Spring

Helleborus x nigersmithii Ivory Prince 'Walhelivor'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Ivory Prince is a vigorous hybrid hellebore that offers at least two and a half months of floral interest followed by a whole year of great foliage. In February the plump pink buds develop. By March the flowers open to reveal large creamy petals with dusty pink reverses and green centres. By April the cream colour deepens to green and dusty rose. The leathery evergreen bluish foliage is subtly mottled and held aloft by red stems. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Zone 5-10

Zone 5-9

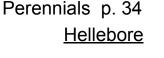
Full - Part Shade

Hellebore

Zone 3-9

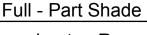


Full - Part Shade





Lenten Rose



Helleborus x sahinii 'Winter Bells'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

If you're a hellebore collector, take note. 'Winter Bells' is the successful result of the near impossible cross of the Christmas rose and *H. foetidus*. The result is an upright plant with a mound of leathery foliage and copious numbers of pendant, two inch wide, cupped cream flowers with pink reverses. Blooms up to seven months starting in January or earlier well into spring and even summer. Deer resistant.

White/Cr H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x sternii 'Silver Dollar'

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

'Silver Dollar' is a lovely compact hellebore with serrated, silver leaves held on pink stems. In early spring these are topped with loose clusters of flowers that are mauve-pink on the backs and creamy green inside. As with all stemmed hellebores plant in more sun than the hybridus types. Deer resistant.

Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Helleborus x sternii Blackthorn Group

Ranunculaceae (The Buttercup Family)

Thick, blue-green, silver-washed foliage with prominent serrated edges held by deep red petioles on compact, multi-stemmed plants. The flowers appear in clusters at the top of each stem in late winter. They are small and cream coloured with a dusty rose blush on the back of each tetal. A cross between *H. argutifolius* and *H. lividus*. As with all stemmed hellebores plant in more sun than the hybridus types. Deer resistant.

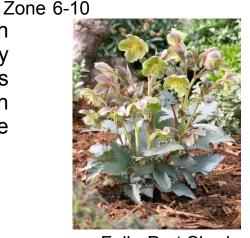
Pink H 12-24" W 12-24" Late Winter - Early

Zone 4-9



Full - Part Shade



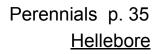


Full - Part Shade

Lenten Rose



Full - Part Shade



See you at the Hellebore Hurrah! Please carpool if you can.

